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FROM: D. Wayne Hedberg, Reclamation Hydrologist *DWH*

RE: Documentation of Phone Conversation, Continental Lime Incorporated, Cricket Mountain Quarry, M/027/006, Millard County, Utah

On December 13, 1988, Wayne Hedberg spoke with Mr. Bryan Nielson, plant manager of Continental Lime Incorporated. The company requested approval to postpone submittal of a revised reclamation surety estimate for the Cricket Mountain Limestone Quarry. The original deadline was January 1, 1989, for DOGM receipt of a revised reclamation estimate. The estimate will include new mine site disturbances, and the projected ten year expansion of operations.

Mr. Nielson requested a two month delay to provide this updated estimate (March 1, 1989). The company has recently gone through a surety revision at a mining operation in Montana. They would like to use their resident bonding expert in Montana to prepare the bond estimate for the Utah facility.

I informed Mr. Nielson that this proposal would be acceptable to the Division. I also discussed the status of the operator's commitment to implement new revegetation test plots at the mine site, which were to have been implemented in the fall of 1988. Mr. Nielson indicated that the company has not been able to prepare and implement the new test plots at the mine sites due to internal conflicts within the organization.

Mr. Nielson did commit to implementing these test plots during the fall of 1989. I indicated to him that the Division would like to become involved with the development and implementation of these plots, should the company decide to perform the work internally rather than utilize the services of a qualified consultant. Mr. Nielson indicated that he anticipated they would start the work of preparing the test plot design and implementation during July or August of 1989.

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Mr. Nielson also had questions regarding the proper procedures to follow in order to acquire a highwall variance at the mine site. I advised Mr. Nielson that a highwall variance could be granted, if the operator provided sufficient justification to convince the Division that a variance was warranted. A number of examples were discussed and I also advised Mr. Nielson to contact our reclamation engineer, Scott Johnson for more information regarding this type of variance request.

We also discussed the requirements to obtain a variance to leave access roads following mining operations. I indicated to Mr. Nielson that the Division would require a legitimate postmining land use for the roads to remain. Additionally, we would require a sign off from the land holder agreeing to assume the liability and responsibility for continued maintenance of a road following mining.

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